

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims as follows:

In claim 1, at lines 7-8, delete "an inwardly" and substitute therefor - - a radially -
- , as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A selectively openable lid for a drinking vessel, comprising:

a circular base member having mounting means thereon for removably connecting the base member to a drinking vessel, the base member further having a downwardly depending base member side wall defining a depressed floor region having upper and lower surfaces and drinking and venting apertures, wherein a radially directed surface of the side wall has a plurality of opposed bayonet ears thereon;

a circular cap member for rotational engagement with the base member, the cap member having a downwardly depending cap member side wall defining a depressed drinking basin having upper and lower surfaces and drinking and venting apertures positioned and sized so as to correspond to the drinking and venting apertures in the base member, wherein an outwardly directed surface of the cap member side wall has a plurality of opposed bayonet ears thereon positioned and sized for corresponding engagement with the bayonet ears on the base member;

first seal means between the cap and base members for forming a fluid conduit between the corresponding drinking and

venting apertures when said apertures are out of respective rotational registration with one another, so that interstitial areas between the cap and base members are fluidly isolated from the apertures and remain substantially uncontaminated by drinking fluid from the drinking vessel when the cap member is in a first, closed position; and,

second seal means between the cap and base members for forming a fluid barrier between the corresponding drinking and venting apertures when the cap member is in a second, open position and said apertures are in respective rotational registration with one another, so that the interstitial areas between the cap and base members are fluidly isolated from the base member apertures and remain substantially uncontaminated by drinking fluid from the drinking vessel when the cap member is in the second, open position.

In Claim 11, in line 3 before the phrase "floor region" add - - substantially closed -
- as follows:

11. (Amended) A selectively openable lid for a drinking vessel, comprising:

a base member having a substantially closed floor region defining upper and lower surfaces and drinking and venting apertures, and having a plurality of opposed base member bayonet ears thereon;

a circular cap member for rotational engagement with the base member, the cap member defining a depressed drinking basin having upper and lower surfaces and drinking and venting

apertures positioned and sized so as to correspond to the drinking and venting apertures on the base member, and a plurality of opposed cap member bayonet ears positioned thereon and sized for corresponding engagement with the base member bayonet ears;

seal means between the cap and base members for forming a fluid conduit between the corresponding drinking and venting apertures when said apertures are in respective rotational registration with one another and for forming a fluid barrier between the corresponding drinking and venting apertures when said apertures are out of respective rotational registration with one another, so that interstitial areas between the cap and base members are fluidly isolated from the base member apertures and remain substantially uncontaminated by drinking fluid from the drinking vessel when the cap member is in a first, closed and second, open position.

A marked up copy of the amended claims is also attached in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii).

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response After Final Action is in response to a Final Office Action dated December 18, 2001. The above amendments were suggested to Examiner Robin Hylton during a telephone conference on December 28, 2001. Examiner Hylton was in agreement that the amendment to Claim 1 and the claims which depend therefrom satisfied her objections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Examiner also